TRUE

METHE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 5037

Tatsuki NOGIWA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004-0179A

Serial No. 10/772,355 : Group Art Unit 2822

Filed February 6, 2004 : Examiner David E. Graybill

SUBSTRATE HOLDER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUBSTRATE HOLDER, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLD

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 22, 2005, Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. patent application makes the following elections.

With regard to the first election requirement made by the Examiner, Applicants elect the species of "the first adhesive holding region and the second adhesive holding region being provided within one plane."

With respect to the second requirement on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicants elect the species wherein the second adhesive holding region is confined within the first adhesive holding region.

The claims that correspond to the elected species are claims 1-6, 8, 10-12, 14-17, 25 and 26.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Tatsuki NOGIWA et al-

Nils E. Pedersen

Registration No. 33,145 Attorney for Applicants

NEP/krg Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 January 9, 2006